

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15-26, 28-30, and 47-49 are pending in this application, of which claim 15 is independent. By way of this amendment, claims 31-42 and 44-46 are canceled. Claims 1-14, 27, and 43 were previously canceled. Applicant thanks Examiner Choudhury for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during a number of telephone conversations on May 26, 2009, and for the indication that the cancellation of these claims would be acceptable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

As indicated in MPEP § 714.16, an Examiner "has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval" (emphasis added). Because this Amendment only relates to such formal matters, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

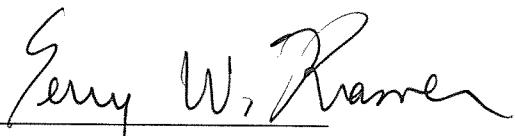
CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues. In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please

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